

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting: October 12, 2017

Item Number: 010

Parks and Recreation

Authorize negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with the Austin Independent School District for the Literacy First (formerly ACE: A Community for Education) Program to be offered at Allison, Brooke, Govalle, Metz, Ortega and Zavala Elementary Schools in the amount of \$200,000 for an initial term of two years with three one-year renewals in the amount of \$100,000 each for a total contract not to exceed \$500,000.

Lead Department	Parks and Recreation Department.
Fiscal Note	Funding in the amount of \$100,000 is included in the FY 2017-18 Operating Budget of the Parks and Recreation Department.
Prior Council Action	<p>September 25, 2014--City Council authorized the negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement between the City and AISD.</p> <p>September 17, 2015--City Council authorized an amendment to the interlocal agreement with AISD.</p> <p>August 4, 2016--City Council authorized an amendment to the interlocal agreement with AISD.</p>
For More Information	September 26, 2017--to be reviewed by the Parks and Recreation Board.
Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action	September 26, 2017 - Approved by the Parks and Recreation Board on a 9-0 vote with Board Member Cofer and Stout absent.

Additional Backup Information:

Recognizing the importance of early intervention to improve the reading and writing skills of Austin's youth, on September 25, 2014, the City Council authorized the negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement between the City and the Austin Independent School District that would support "A Community for Education (ACE) Reading and Tutoring Intervention Program" at Allison, Brooke, Govalle, Metz, Ortega and Zavala elementary schools within the Eastside Memorial Vertical Team.

ACE, in consultation with community partners, rebranded as Literacy First in the fall of 2016. The organization's new name better reflects its core mission - to ensure that all students become strong readers by third grade setting them on a path of success in school and in life.

Literacy First is an early childhood literacy program at the Charles a Dana Center at the University of Texas at Austin. The Center's mission is to place highly trained AmeriCorps members in economically disadvantaged schools to deliver intensive tutoring to advance K-2nd grade students to grade level in reading by the third grade. It places highly trained AmeriCorps tutors in 22 AISD Title I elementary schools to ensure that children advance to grade level in reading before the third grade. These tutors provide intensive, daily, bilingual, reading tutoring to approximately 1,450 K-2nd grade students in AISD.

Since the Council's approval of the interlocal agreement in 2014, the Parks and Recreation Department (PARD) has provided an allocation of \$100,000 to sustain this reading intervention/tutoring program.

For the 2016-17 school year, PARD funding supported the K-2nd grade Literacy First Reading Program offered at Allison, Brooke, Govalle, Metz, Ortega and Zavala elementary schools and served 364 AISD students. 71% of students consistently served by Literacy First tutors were either able to graduate from the program with grade-appropriate reading skills or demonstrate significant and accelerated reading progress and were on-track to graduate.

The proposed funding, provided by the City of Austin, will be allocated in the following manner:

- Allison Elementary School - \$14,000 to partially fund Literacy First Tutoring.
- Brooke Elementary School - \$14,000 to partially fund Literacy First Tutoring.
- Govalle Elementary School - \$14,000 to partially fund Literacy First Tutoring.
- Metz Elementary School - \$30,000 to partially fund Literacy First Tutoring.
- Ortega Elementary School - \$14,000 to partially fund Literacy First Tutoring.
- Zavala Elementary School - \$14,000 to partially fund Literacy First Tutoring.

In exchange for these funds, AISD will:

- Waive rental fees associated with the City's use of AISD facilities for the City's creativity Club After-School Program;
- Waive rental fees associated with auditorium, gymnasium, classroom or field use for a City public purpose as requested by the City;
- Provide swing space for PARD programming at no charge to the City at various campuses when PARD facilities are unavailable due to construction or unforeseen circumstances; and
- Provide after-school transportation services to various PARD facilities for AISD students participating in PARD programs.

